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### REMARKS

A review of the claims upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance revealed an inadvertent error in the possible interpretation of the claim language. The error concerns the hydrophobic surface – which is on the fiber membrane – not on the polymer from which the membrane is prepared. The polymer has hydrophobic properties, but no “surface” as the term is used in the claim. This error has been corrected herein, and no new matter is added by virtue of the amendment. No new search or examination is believed to be required in connection with this amendment.

It is believed that the present amendment does not alter the allowed status of the pending claims. It is respectfully requested that this Rule 312 amendment be entered before issuance of the patent.

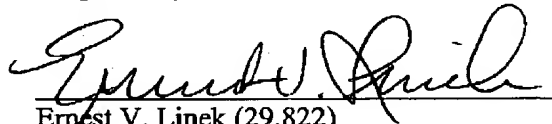
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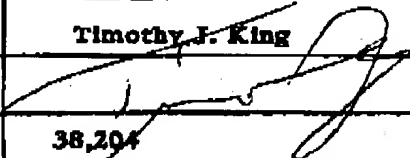
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<b>CHENG ET AL.</b>	
Application No. <b>09/889,961</b>	
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